

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Tuck et al.**

Serial No.: **08/516,646**

Filed: **August 18, 1995**

For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD  
FOR TRADING ELECTRIC ENERGY**

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Group Art Unit: **2741**

Examiner: **Joseph Thomas**

Attorney Docket No.: **ACONT.0101C1**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

No additional fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any additional fees are required, please charge these fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0392. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is needed, the extension is requested and please charge the fee for this extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0392.

Prior to continued examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows: